

Arizona Elks News

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"Be An Elk Everyday"

Spring greetings Arizona Elks –

This year has passed in a flash and it is with heart felt emotion and thanks that I submit my final article as your State President. I am so proud to have had the privilege to serve the hardworking members of the Arizona Elks Association.

My focus in closing is a hearty thank you for your dedication to the tenants of our Oder and our individual and group commitments to Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. I am proud to report these commitments are alive, well and recognized across our great State.

My quote for this closing article is from Maya Angelo who is an author, actress and civil rights activist who is best known for her autobiographical writings, who has said "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." To me this embodies the heart of Elkdom and echo's my motto for this year "Be an Elk Everyday". I thank each Lodge and each of the members of the Association for your dedication and work toward promoting the goals set for this year.

The goals I set for this year were lofty and I thank each of our Lodges and members who worked diligently to make progress toward increasing membership, supporting to the Elks National Foundation and increasing support for Lodges in the communities we serve.

It has been our pleasure to represent you this year. From individual Lodge visits, representing our members at the Grand Lodge and in California, Nevada and Utah, we have appreciated your support. The recent attendance at the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago where our shooters demonstrated hard work and good sportsmanship was especially memorable and you have all made our State proud.

I am pleased to have had your support and with my wife Deb we are pleased to remain at your service and look forward to our future working with you to support the Arizona Elks Association.

Fraternally and at your service,

Mike Murphy, AEA President





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A Letter From The Editor

As this is the last Newsletter for the year of 2018-2019, it will also be my last Newsletter as your Editor.

I would like to thank all the people that have contributed to the newsletters over the passed nine years, and I hope you have enjoyed reading them as much as I have enjoyed setting them up for printing and as a part of the Arizona Elks Web Page. Thanks again....Jack

I would now like to introduce you to your new Editor, Shawnee Carlile.

Greetings Brother and Sister Elks,

My name is Shawnee Carlile and I am from the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065 in beautiful SE Arizona. I am honored to be appointed as the new AEA Newsletter Editor, and I know I will have very big shoes to fill with the departure of Jack Page. I would like to thank him for all his help through the years, especially when I was first starting out as our local Newsletter Editor just learning about article submissions to the AEA.

A bit about myself. I moved to Southern Arizona in 2004, and became an Elk in 2005, which has been an amazing experience, and even introduced me to my husband Barry "Bear" Carlile PER. Being an Elk has been a great adventure and every day my heart swells as I witness more and more of all of the wonderful things we do for our communities, Veterans, and Children. It is my goal to continue to capture and display all of the contributions of our Arizona Lodges through our AEA Newsletter. I look forward to serving Elksdom in this great state of Arizona!

My plan is to e-mail the Newsletter during last week of every month, before the new month begins. The new Arizona Elks Association Newsletter e-mail address will be:

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Fraternally,

Shawnee Carlile

Please send all articles and pictures to this new address.

Vets Enjoy An “All You Can Eat” Breakfast



Veterans from the Arizona State Veterans home were treated to an “all you can eat breakfast”, by the Sun City Elks Lodge Veterans committee.

Thirteen Vets, including two WW11, and two Korean War Vets, were given an opportunity to “escape” the confines, of the Arizona State Veterans home, and enjoy a breakfast of their choosing, at a local IHOP restaurant at 1743 E. Camelback road.

The thirteen Vets were accompanied by four Veterans Home aides and nine Elk members.

This breakfast was the second of the year, put on by the Sun City Elks and the second at the same Ihop location. As you can imagine, steak and eggs was high on their list of choices.

The Vets are transported to the restaurant by the Aides, in the homes two vans, but can only be done, while the weather is conducive to comfortable travel.

As the weather gets progressively hotter, the Elk members will be “pushing” the Vets, to the Arizona State Veterans Hospital, which is just South of the Veterans Home, located at 3141 east S. Carrera drive, in Phoenix Arizona.

As most of the Vets are in wheel chairs, it takes one Elk member to assist each Vet, thereby “pushing” the Vet to the hospital restaurant.

The Vets thoroughly enjoy this mode of travel as they consider themselves to be chauffeur driven.

The volunteerism for our vets is heating up as the year progresses and the weather improves.

On Sunday, March 24, 2019, the Sun City Elk Veterans committee members will be hosting the second “bowling event” of the year and on Monday, March 25, 2019, they will be putting on their monthly “bingo Event” at the Veterans Home.

The next official “outing”, for the Vets from the Veterans home, will be held on April 14, 2019, when the Elks will be taking approximately fifteen (15) Veterans, to the ball park, to watch an Arizona Diamond Backs baseball game, all hosted by the Sun City Elks Lodge.

All of the above and all future events, are in keeping with one of the Elks Organizations major motto’s that, “as long as there are Veterans, they will never be forgotten. Bless them all.

Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks P.R. Chairman, 623-326-0238

Picture captions:

(1) Four Veterans from the Arizona State Veterans Home enjoying an “all you can eat” breakfast, at a local IHOP restaurant.(left to right going around the table) Chris Blain USMC, (in multi colored shirt); Bob Wheat, Army Vet and Elk assistant; Jay Roland, WW11 Army Vet (red cap); and Gary Drumheller, Elks Arizona State Veterans Chairman.

(2) Three Veterans, two from the Veterans Home and one Elk assistant, Enjoying the “all you can eat” breakfast”, (left to right around the table) Robert Tate, (blue cap) Korean War Veteran; Merle King, Army, Viet Nam Vet and Elk Assistant; Sonny Lane, Army, Viet Nam and Germany.

(3) Part of the thirteen Veterans from the Arizona State Veterans Home enjoying an “all you can eat breakfast”

Catalina Mountain Supports Veterans

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 continues to support veterans at the Veterans Medical Facility and the Veterans Home located in Tucson. Belinda Waller, Lodge Veterans Committee Chairperson, took on the challenge of reaching a goal for collecting \$50,000 worth of clothing, books, and toiletries for the veterans for 2018-19. She exceeded that goal by collecting and delivering a total of over \$63,428 worth of these items.

This past year the lodge sponsored a trip to the Biosphere for a group of visually impaired veterans. The next outing will be at the Miniature Museum, which has a special program for the visually impaired.

Throughout the year, the lodge has provided food, cooked meals, and monetary donations to the Veterans Home located on the campus of the VA facility. A new barbeque grill was delivered to the veterans in March.

Pictured are (from left) Exalted Ruler Bob Kielsa and Veterans Committee Chairperson Belinda Waller

Article and photo submitted by Pat Cox Public Relations Chair



Kids Expo



Bullhead City Elks newly elected Exalted Ruler Marsha Haddick, right and Trustee Margaret Lopez recently attended the Kiwanis Kids Expo in support of the Elks Drug Awareness program. This annual event attracted well over 1,000 people as over 80 community service organizations were present to share their knowledge. New member Kelly Wegner and PER Terri Frear were there to help with the candy, red ribbons, coloring book and book marks which touted the dangers of drug abuse.

Article and photo submitted by PER Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair.

Jerome Lodge #1361 100th Anniversary

On April 6th, 2019 the Jerome Elks Lodge #1361 celebrated their 100th Anniversary of serving the communities in the Verde Valley, which includes Jerome, Clarkdale, Cottonwood and Camp Verde, Arizona. 185 members and guests were on hand to join in the celebration, including Arizona Elks State President Mike Murphy and his wife Debra, as well as guests from other lodges throughout the state. Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jerry Grimes presented a Grand Exalted Ruler Special Citation to Exalted Ruler Janet Leuer, for 100 years of Meritorious Service to the Community.

Photo of presentation: From left to right Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jerry Grimes, Exalted Ruler Janet Leuer and Trustee Chairman Jim Plas.

Article and photo submitted by Charyl McKean Public Relations Chair



Sun City Elks and Ladies Auxiliary



March 30, 2019 saw the Sun City Elks Ladies Auxiliary swear in it's new officers for the coming year.

Outgoing President Lynn Karason, Swore in it's new President, Susan Du Four; Vice President, Mary Sauro; Secretary, Jolene Mudra; Treasurer, Barbera Fowerbaugh and Sargeant at Arms, Nina Paris.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Sun City Elks Lodge consists of 240 members and are dedicated to support the Sun Citry Elks, in their programs, as well as other charitable activities, which benefit their community, such as, providing scholarship programs for the nursing profession, several hundreds of pounds of rice and beans to the El Mirage community Center and many other charitable activities.

The ladies Auxiliary is mainly made up of the spouses of the Sun City Elks, but there are also lady Elks, who are proud to belong to that organization.

The Sun City Elks are proud to have there support.

Additionally on that day, the Sun City Elks also installed nine of their own, as officers of the lodge. The original number to be installed should have been eleven, but for various reasons, two could not be present, and will be installed at a later date.

The Sun City Elks have been a fixture in Sun City for 44 years and have devoted themselves to assisting their community, in any way possible, including putting on drug awareness programs, essay contests, Teenager of the year awards, Scholarship programs (\$30,000) per year, providing personal dictionaries to third graders (1600/year) and student of the year awards. Alzheimer facility visitations, and one of the best Veterans programs in the state, if not the nation.

The Sun City Elks Lodge is presently the fifth largest lodge in the country, membership wise, with more than 3300 members, and growing at a tremendous rate.

Becoming the fourth largest lodge in the country is within their grasp, due to the large influx of new members, joining on a monthly basis.

Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans P.R. Chairman, 623-326-0238

Picture captions: (1) Sun City Ladies Auxiliary installation. (left to right) Susan Du Four, President; Mary Sauro, Vice President; Jolene Mudra, Secretary and Nina Paris, Sargeant at Arms.

Newly installed Officers of Sun City Lodge #2559. (In no particular order) Bill Hudson, President; Vicki Way,!st Vice President; Bruce Kather, 3rd Vice President; Myrna Kerr, Secretary; Gene Boysen, Treasurer; Robert Wheat 5 year Trustee; Bob Gleason, Trustee Chairman; Roger Ehrlich, Tiler; Joan McConnell, Chaplain; Sandra Corderro-Torres, Organist and Brad Lucas, Esquire.



Elks Students Of The Month



Bullhead City Elks are pleased to honor students for the month of March from both Mohave High and Mohave Accelerated Learning Center. These seniors were nominated by their teachers to receive recognition for their academic accomplishments. From left are MALC seniors Adrian Velickovski and Sarah Schmanski. Representing Mohave are Abigail Brown and Ethan Ferrian. Each was presented a certificate of accomplishment.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, PER, Public Relations Chair.

\$1,000 Donation To "Stand Down Organization"

The Veterans Stand-Down Organization is dedicated to veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001.

More than 52,000 servicemen and women physically injured in recent military conflicts. 500,000 living with invisible wounds, from depression to post-traumatic stress disorder, 320,000 experiencing debilitating brain trauma.

The numbers speak for themselves, because not every veteran can. The Stand-Down Organization gives a voice to those needs and empower our veterans to begin a journey to recovery.

The veterans committee has various events to raise money for the veterans.

Greeting cards made by committee members earned \$608 in the months of January and February. They also hold 50/50 drawings when the lodge has member functions.

Future events planned are a Cowboy Cookout June 9. The Veteran's Ball November 9. The more this committee makes on their functions the more the Veterans will receive each year



Elks Easter Egg hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Susie Stillabower was a huge success. The event consisted of two hunts as the Lodge invited the special needs kids to participate in their own hunt. All together there were over 150 kids and parents in attendance. There were ten Elks who assisted with the event by setting up lanes for the age groups and spreading the eggs all over the park and hidden in the bunny costume is Elk member Gene Quinn. Susie is shown with the baskets prepared by her and the volunteers and the Easter Bunny has Dexter Stillabower on his lap. The bell sounded; the whistle blown; the flag dropped and here they come! One lucky girl won a big bunny that is almost as big as she.



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Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, PER, Public Relations Chair.

Elks And Lady Crocheters Unite



The Sun City Elks find another charitable organization, to assist them in helping homeless Vets and other less fortunate individuals.

The latest group to recognize the Elks for their charitable activities, and who wish to join them in aiding our communities, is the El Pueblo crocheters.

The Crocheters are a group of ladies, about 20-30 strong depending on the season, who reside in the El Pueblo RV community at 11201 N. El Mirage Rd. in El Mirage, and provide an unlikely product to the homeless.

The ladies collect normal “plastic” shopping bags, cut them into strips, and crochet them into mats, which can

be used to sleep on.

It takes approximately 600 bags to make one 3ft.by 6ft. Matt.

The homeless lay these mats on the ground and use them for mattresses, because they are made of plastic, they help to provide protection from the cold and moisture eminating from the ground and provide a certain amount of comfort, other than laying on the hard ground, which is often the case.

Many of the homeless, that the Elks help, including some Vets, both male and female, can be found on the “Cass Corridor”, in downtown Phoenix.

This is the fifth season that the ladies have been assisting the homeless and the second that they have been affiliated with the Sun City Elks. Thus far, the ladies have made and distributed approximatelty 377 of the colorful and protective matts.

Thank you ladies.



Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans PR Chairman, 623-326-0238

Picture Captions:

(1) Gary Drumheller, Elks Az. State Veterans Chairman, presents a certificate of Appreciation to two of the organizers of the “ Lady Crothters”. Left to right as viewed, Barb Herron, Linda Rider holding the certificate, and Gary Drumheller, all standing in front of a completed 3ft.x 6ft. Plastic bag matt.

(2) Barb Herron and Gary Drumheller, halding a case, which contains a plastic matt, the ladies also provide the carring case, to make it easier for an individual to transport the matt, when they move from location to location.

(3) A picture of the letter of appreciation that the Elks presented to the “El Pueblo Lady Crotcherers”

\$8,000 Contribution To Humane Society



Yuma Elks Lodge 476 presented a check for \$8000.00 to the Humane Society of Yuma. The funds will be used to repair floors that need treatment to keep from becoming contaminated. Pictured from left; Lodge Trustee Louie Hirth, HSOY Board member David McHone, and Exalted Ruler Ed Kromer.

Article and photo submitted by John Fuller

Tucson East Veterans Donation

Tucson East #2532 Veteran Committee is committed to honoring and serving our veterans. In March we donated \$500 to Fisher House-Tucson. The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) Fisher House is located on the campus of the Tucson VA Medical Center and provides a "home away from home" for loved ones of Veterans or Active Duty personnel receiving inpatient care from the Tucson VA. We also donated \$500 to Blind Rehabilitation for outings and another \$500 to Esperanza En Escalante which has several programs designed to help homeless veterans move into permanent supportive housing.



In addition, we donated \$500 in movie passes to the Arizona State Veteran Home-Tucson. This facility is a 120-bed skilled-nursing facility offering many amenities to Arizona's veterans such as all private rooms, full baths, selective dining in a home-like environment, entertainment and outings

Article and Photo submitted by PER Mary Fisher, Public Relations Chair



L to R: Mary I. Shaffer, PER; Brigid Sherbo, Veteran Committee Chair; Kelly Laurich, Fisher House Manager; Calvin Payne, Veteran Committee Member

L to R: Calvin Payne, Veteran Committee Member; Sam Nanez, Recreation Therapist; Brigid Sherbo, Veteran Committee Chair; Mary I. Shaffer, PER

Prescott Valley Eggstravaganza

On April 13, 2019 the Town of Prescott Valley held their annual Eggstravaganza event at the civic center. It is an annual Easter Egg hunt for the community and our lodge chartered Cub Scout Pack #330 participates as a food vendor to raise funds for their yearly activities. While adults serve the food the scouts get to serve the chips and sodas and they love to be in charge. We even have signs the scouts carry throughout the event to get folks to come on over for food. Some members of the lodge are also scout adult leaders and assist the pack. This is a fun event with hundreds of kids and family members in attendance. This event provides a great opportunity for lodge members and scouts to work together.

Pictured L to R: adults - Jacob Hecker, Paul Montz, Rick Allen, Rick Barushock, Matt Glodo.

Scouts - Evan Burke, Jack Ruiz, Carter Wright, Carter Leforte, Gavin Worthington, Trent Findley, Milo Montz.



Antlers at Phoenix Lodge #335

We are very proud of our Antlers at Phoenix #335. They now have 30 members and keep growing. These young adults are eager to assist the Elks Lodge committees with upcoming events like the summer picnics, Back Pack Program and Thanksgiving baskets. They will be collecting food for the food banks, blankets for the homeless, volunteering at the Desert Mission Food Bank, and so much more.



Pictured left to right: Shawn Biltis, Brandon Greenaway, Rebecca Havertine, Zach Weigle, Maverick Courtney, Alex Havertine, Calvin Scheuermann, Will Rochotte, Gavin Wilson, Cade Miller.

Article and photo submitted by Nancy Baker, Public Relations Chair

Elks keep Vets Rolling



The Sun City Elks have been putting on bowling events for Vets from local Veterans facilities for several years, but missing from these events, were Vets from the Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix.

These Vets were not being ignored, far from it, as the Vets from the Home have been taken to the Arizona Diamond Backs baseball games, all you can eat breakfasts at a local IHOP restaurant, monthly bingo events, etc., but they have never been taken to a bowling event.

The reason is obvious, most of the Vets from the home are in wheel chairs, making it extremely difficult, not only to arrange and transport, but to allow the vets to actually bowl.

Bowling from wheel chairs was indeed a challenge.

The challenge was overcome recently, when the Sun City's Bell Recreation center offered a solution.

The Bell Center provided "Bowling Skids", on which to place the bowling balls, after that, all they needed was the assistance of one of the members of the Sun City Elks Veterans Committee, to place the bowling balls onto the skids, the Vets did the rest, never having to physically lift the balls or make an approach to the foul line on the bowling lanes.

The "racks" are metal frames, approximately 3ft. Tall and the skids are tubular bars shaped to allow for placing the balls and slanted to allow gravity to do the rest, all the Vet had to do is aim the skids in the direction they wanted the balls to roll and let it go.

Several of these Vets hadn't bowled in years and most of the scores indicated that, but when they got a strike, their pleasure and pride were written all over their faces.

Seven Vets were taken to the Bell center and all had a great time.

Following the bowling event, each Vet was treated to a full hot lunch, all compliments of the Sun City Elks.

Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans P.R. Chairman, 623-326-0238.

Picture captions:

(1) left to right: Freeway Tate, U.S.Army; Ray Plumber, U.S.Army; Lance Richardson, U.S. Army and Terry Holder-ness, U.S. Navy. Standing to the rear, left to right are: Jeanette Morgan, Therapeutic Director; Jackie Drumheller, Elks Veterans Committee member; Tom Bundy, U.S.Army Intelligence Vet and Veterans home resident and Gary Drumheller, Az. State Elks Veterans Chairman.